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BOX APPLICATIONS

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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
 For: AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS
 AND METHOD THEREOF
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 Attorney Docket: 0102/0180

Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above, including 28 pages of textual specification including 11 claims, and 11 sheets of drawings.

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[] Reduced by one-half, as applicant(s) is/are a "small entity". A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status:
 [] is filed herewith;
 [] will be filed at a later date;
 [] was filed in the parent application.

[XX] Foreign priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from the following Japanese Patent Applications:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-268236 filed September 5, 2000
 Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-262967 filed August 31, 2001

[XX] Priority document(s) will be submitted at a later date.
 [] Priority document(s) is/are submitted herewith.

There is no claim to foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

Executed Declaration(s) is/are submitted herewith.

Executed Declaration(s) will be submitted at a later date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.41 and § 1.53, with an appropriate surcharge under 37 CFR § 1.16(e).

Formal drawing(s) is/are attached.

Formal drawing(s) will be submitted at a later date.

An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s) cited therein is/are submitted.

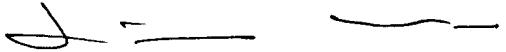
Assignment document(s) is/are submitted herewith, along with Form PTO-1595; the recordation fee of \$40.00 per document is enclosed herewith.

A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 or 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0501. A duplicate copy of this form is attached.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, except the filing fee, *during the entire pendency of the present application*, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0501. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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